

Mt. Hermon M. P. Church  
Salisbury vicinity  
Public worship

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-546

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Mount Hermon Methodist Protestant Church  
other Mount Hermon United Methodist Church

## 2. Location

street and number 31355 Mount Hermon Road not for publication  
city, town Salisbury x vicinity  
county Wicomico

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Mount Hermon United Methodist Church  
street and number c/o Reverend Drew Christian telephone 410-749-4906  
city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21804

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber FMS 2 folio 140  
city, town Salisbury tax map 39 tax parcel 580 tax ID number 8-015619

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	1
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	1

Number of Contributing Resource previously listed in the Inventory

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Mount Hermon Methodist Protestant Church, commonly known as Mount Hermon United Methodist Church, stand at 31355 Mount Hermon Road southeast of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story Gothic Revival frame church faces north with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. Joining the church on the lot is a single-story meeting hall.

Built in 1887, the single-story, three-bay, rectangular, gable-front frame church rests on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with a uniform layer of aluminum siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Fixed in the southeast corner of the brick foundation is a marble datestone inscribed, Mt. Hermon M. P. Church, 1887.

The north (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay front with a center entrance and flanking windows. The front door is a replacement, however, the opening is original and is defined by a pointed arch transom fitted with late nineteenth-century glass. The transom has a row of colored glass panes that define the perimeter of the transom. To each side are pointed arch lancet windows, the east window retains its original sash, whereas the west window has been removed. The window opening is filled with plexi-glass. Defining the gable end is a tripartite Gothic arched louvered vent. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave which is enclosed and fitted with returns at the base of the roof.

The east and west sides of the church are alike with three evenly spaced lancet windows filled with colored glass windows. The perimeter of each sash is fitted with colored glass panes, whereas the center is etched with a star pattern.

Attached to the south (rear) wall is a shorter single-story, gable roofed apse with small pointed arch windows in each side.

The interior has been remodeled with the addition of sheet paneling above a beaded board wainscoting. Surviving from the late nineteenth century is the semi-circular altar rail with turned balusters. The raised altar area retains Victorian furniture. The pews in the church are modern replacements. The ceiling has been lowered with acoustical tile.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates June 19, 1887

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1887

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 2/140, 9 February 1887.

<sup>2</sup> *Salisbury Advertiser*, 18 June 1887.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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Name Mt. Hermon M. P. Church  
**Continuation Sheet**

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*Salisbury Advertiser*, June 18, 1887

Mount Hermon Methodist Protestant Church, situated in Walston's Grove, will be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God to-morrow (Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>) Services at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Rev. W. N. Hammond, President Maryland Annual Conference and Rev. Dr. Southerland, the pastor, will be in attendance. The public are cordially invited. The President will preach in Salisbury at 8 p.m.

Wicomico County  
Land Record  
FMS 2/140

Eugene M. Walston  
Charlotte T. Walston

to

2/9/1887

Trustees of Mt Hermon M. P. Church, Dean W. Perdue, Joseph M. Parker, John W. Smith, Eugene M. Walston, John S. Hastings, Emory L. Williams, George W. Fooks, Levin W. Twilley, and Jacob B. Hastings

90 square rods...it being part of the tract of land called 'John's Situation'

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Salisbury Advertiser*, 18 June 1887.

Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property ½ acre  
Acreage of historical setting ½ acre  
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	7/20/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

5m. And

We, the undersigned, hereby give  
that we intend to publish the  
following information in the  
press and to the public:



WI-546  
Mt. Hermon M. P. Church

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942





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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-546

Magi No. \_\_\_\_\_

DOE \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

**1. Name**

(indicate preferred name)

historic Mount Hermon United Methodist Church

and/or common \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 31355 Mount Hermon Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Salisbury \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district \_\_\_\_\_

state MD \_\_\_\_\_ county Wicomico \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
_____ district	_____ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	_____ agriculture _____ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	_____ unoccupied	_____ commercial _____ park
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ work in progress	_____ educational _____ private residence
_____ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	_____ entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
_____ object	_____ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	_____ government _____ scientific
	_____ being considered	_____ yes:unrestricted	_____ industrial _____ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	_____ no	_____ military _____ other:

**4. Owner of Property**

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mount Hermon United Methodist Church

street & number 31355 Mount Hermon Road telephone no.: 410-749-0169

city, town Salisbury state & zip code MD 21804

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Courthouse liber 1059

street & number Main and Division folio 715

city, town Salisbury state & zip code MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ate \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local \_\_\_\_\_

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state & zip code \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent    ☐ deteriorated  
☒ good    ☐ ruins  
☐ fair    ☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original location  
☐ moved    date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Mount Hermon United Methodist Church is located on the south side of Mount Hermon Road at the intersection of Airport Road. The cornerstone for the church reads Mt. Hermon M. P. Church and is dated 1887. The church is frame with aluminum siding, a brick and concrete foundation, and front-gable asphalt shingle roof with gable returns. The gable has a three part louvered gothic window. The stain glass gothic arched windows are double hung. The front door is topped with a gothic arched stain glass transom.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance _ Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-2000	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other(specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
 Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This church does not appear eligible for the Natinal Register under Criteria A, B, or C. There is no known association with important events or people, and the church is typical for the area.

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility Recommended ☐ Eligibility Not Recommended ☐  
 Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
☐ None

Comments: No determination of eligibility has been made on this property. The property was inventoried as part of the Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico County Airport Study but has been determined to be outside the APE for the project. If the project changes, the DOE will be rendered when additional information is received regarding the resource's significance.

Reviewer, OPS: Anne E. Bruder Date: August 2, 2000

Reviewer, NR Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WI-546

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jody Jones

organization Coastal Carolina Research, Inc.

date 2/17/00

street & number 407 Trade Street

telephone 252-641-1444

city or town Tarboro

state NC

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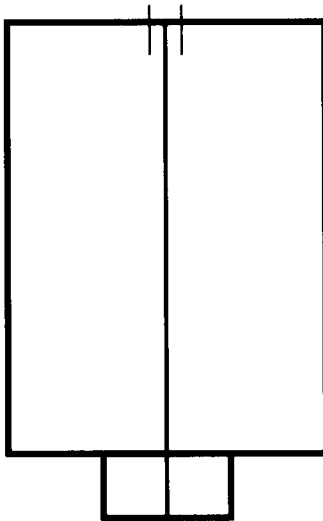
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**Resource Sketch Map**

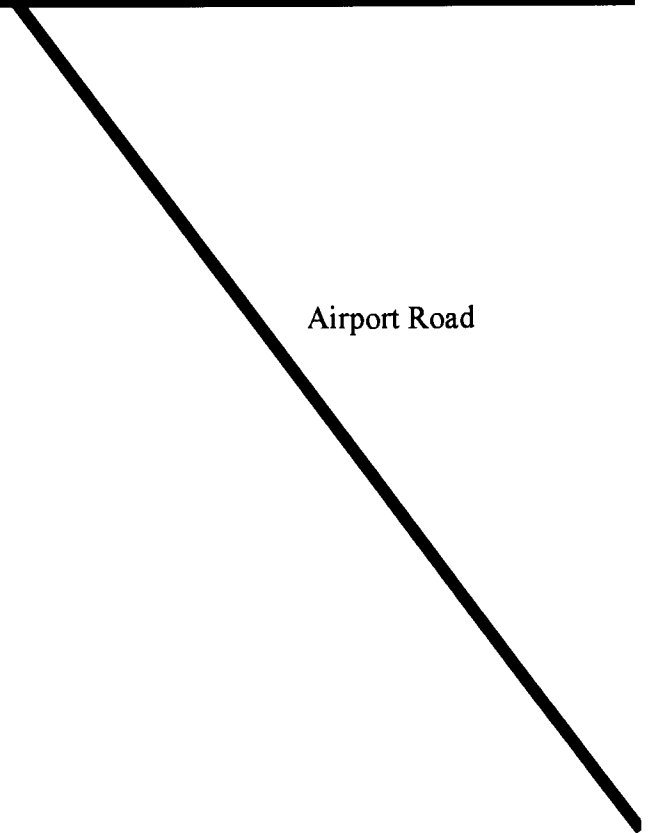


WI 546  
Mount Hermon United Methodist Church  
Salisbury  
Wicomico County  
Map Not To Scale

Mount Hermon Road



Airport Road









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Salisbury Airport Survey  
Church - Mount Hermon United Methodist